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### FATAL BICYCLE COLLISION WEST SILVERLAKE ROAD AND SOUTH COTTONWOOD LANE

On April 20, 2015, just after 08:30 a.m., officers from Operations Division South responded to a report of a vehicle collision involving a bicyclist. Upon arrival, officers located a 76-year-old male bicyclist suffering trauma. Members from the Tucson Fire Department responded to the scene. The male was transported to Banner University Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries at that time. Today, the male succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced deceased.

Investigation on scene revealed the driver of a 2003 Mazda 323 was traveling eastbound on Silverlake Road approaching Cottonwood Lane. The bicyclist was also eastbound on Silverlake Road. The driver made a southbound turn onto Cottonwood Lane in front of the bicyclist. The bicyclist was unable to stop in time and struck the rear fender of the Mazda. The bicyclist was wearing a helmet.

The 36-year-old driver of the Mazda was uninjured and remained on scene. The driver was cited for making an unsafe turn and for not having a valid operator's license.

The bicyclist has been identified as 76-year-old Lawrence Lacroix. Next of kin has been notified.

#### Fatalities Year-To-Date:

For 2014 - 12	For 2015 - 18
Pedestrian - 3	Pedestrian - 4
Bicycle - 0	Bicycle - 1
Motorcycle - 0	Motorcycle - 3

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